

**TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
Tuesday, December 12, 2006  
Town of Mansfield  
Council Chambers**

**Minutes**

Present: P. Barry, T. Callahan, B. Clouette, R. Hudd, A.J. Pappanikou, E. Paterson, W. Simpson, G. Zimmer

Staff: M. Hart, L. Hultgren, G. Padick, C. van Zelm

**1. Opportunity for Public to Address the Committee**

None.

**2. November 14, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Clouette made a motion, seconded by Mr. Callahan, to approve the minutes of November 14, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. UConn Water and Wastewater Systems Master Plan**

Mr. Callahan reported that the preparation of the master plan is underway, and that the advisory committee would be meeting this Thursday. At the meeting, the consultant will make a presentation on the study. The university has requested a June 1, 2007 deadline for submission of the plan, and is waiting to hear back from the state.

Mr. Hultgren conducted brief presentation regarding the Four Corners sewer project. The tentative service area resembles the planned business area, and EarthTech, the town's engineering firm, hopes to complete its study by June 2007. At the January 8, 2007 Town Council meeting, staff will conduct a public information session regarding the project.

Mr. Pappanikou asked how the town would conceivably pay to install the sewer lines? Mr. Hultgren reported that the cost of \$2.5 million is probably too steep to fund in its entirety via a benefit assessment, and that the town would need to bond or otherwise finance the remainder of the project.

Mr. Clouette asked about the scenario in which a particular property has a crisis with foiling system, could that property be mandated to hook up to the

sewer line? Mr. Hultgren explained that the health district would have the authority, depending upon circumstances, to order a connection.

#### **4. Update re: Mansfield Downtown Partnership**

Ms. van Zelm reported that work on the pedestrian walkway has been largely completed for the winter. Also, in consultation with UConn film students the partnership is making a CD/Video to promote the project. Furthermore, the partnership and the development team continue to work on preparing the proposed special design district for submission to the planning and zoning commission. Lastly, in collaboration with the town the partnership will be sponsoring a Winter Fun Day event for February 11, 2007.

Ms. Paterson mentioned that everyone on the Festival on the Green planning committee has agreed to serve again next year. University staff members have been wonderful to work with, particularly Dennis Pierce, head of dining services, who has been a tremendous asset to the committee.

#### **5. Center for Off-Campus Services**

Mr. Hart reviewed the search process for the Director of Off-Campus Services position, and explained that the committee planned to conduct the first interviews in early January.

#### **6. Community/Campus Partnership**

Ms. Paterson reported that the community-campus partnership continues to meet, and that the group has formed three subcommittees. One of the key benefits of the partnership is that the forum presents town and university officials with the opportunity to dialogue with student leaders and to review issues of concern.

#### **7. Other Business**

- a. Meeting Schedule - Mr. Clouette made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zimmer, to adopt the 2007 meeting schedule. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Assisted Living/Independent Living Project – Mr. Hart reported that the Town Council has endorsed a process to be used to select a developer to construct an assisted/independent living

facility for the town. The process does call for the establishment of an advisory committee, and the town will be looking for two university representatives for the body.

- c. Traffic circle – Mr. Callahan informed Mr. Hultgren that the university had received complaints from staff and shuttle bus drivers regarding the new traffic circle on Birch Road. Mr. Hultgren explained that the curbing is designed to be mountable by large vehicles. Mr. Hart stated that in the future the town would do a better job of consulting with the university on such projects, in order to keep the university informed and/or to solicit comments and suggestions.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew W. Hart  
Town Manager